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SUBJ: SWEDISH PILOTS VIOLATE FINNISH-SOVIET BORDER

1. TWO SWEDISH PILOTS, ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE OUT THREE SOVIET CITIZENS IN A FAMILY REUNION ATTEMPT, LANDED THEIR SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF KEXHOLM IN THE USSR, THEN PILOTED BACK TO FINLAND UNDETECTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES. THE TWO SWEDES WERE APPREHENDED BY FINNISH BORDER POLICE.

2. ONE PILOT, KARL-GORAN WICHENBERG, HAS EARLIER SERVED TWO YEARS IN A CZECH JAIL ON A SIMILAR CHARGE. WHETHER WICJENBERG AND HIS COMPANION SUCCEEDED IN SMUGGLING OUT THE AGAPOV FAMILY, RELATIVES OF A SOVIET REFUGEE ALREADY IN SWEDEN, IS UNCLEAR AT THE MOMENT BUT CONSIDERED DOUBTFUL.

3. COMMENT: FINNISH AUTHORITIES, ENGAGED IN HOSTING CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET-FINNISH FRIENDSHIP TREATY APPEAR TO BE EMBARRASSED BY THIS SUDDEN INTRUSION OF UNINVITED SWEDISH GUESTS. AMIDST EARLY SPECULATION THAT ESPIONAGE MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, FINNISH OFFICIALS WERE LABELING THIS THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLATION OF FINNISH BORDERS
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SINCE THE WAR. FROM A STOCKHOLM PERSPECTIVE, IT IS BEING REPORTED AS A HUMAN INTEREST STORY, AND WOULD APPEAR OF SOMEWHAT LESS CONSEQUENCE.
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